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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING

OF THE

USIB ELINT COMMITTEE

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The Sixth Meeting of the USIB ELINT Committee was held at 1000 hrs., 16 October 1958, in the Pentagon, Room 501037.

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SUBJECT NUMBER

ELCOM 9-4/10 9.3/10 Item 3 on the Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the

USIB ELINT Committee, 16 October 1958.

Subject:

ELINT Matters Suggested for Further Attention by

the USCIB ELIMT Task Force (C)

Summary of Committee actions on all items of paragraph 21 of USCIB 9.4/59.

"a. The vital subject of Early Warning from ELINT, combined with COMINT when appropriate, has been seriously neglected."

Report submitted by the Technical Consultant for consideration by the Committee.

DECISION:

The Committee agreed to study the report and hold for discussions at the next meeting.

"b. The type and timeliness of U. S. ELINT data are inadequate to make substantial contributions to the Indications program."

Recommendations withheld until a decision is reached on item a.

"c. From a national security point of view, the courier and communication systems available to transmit vital ELINT materials and messages to Washington from key collection points are inadequate. (The Task Force is aware that this deficiency is part of the more general problem now being studied by the IAC Critical Communications Committee.)"

This item will be considered by the Committee after study of item a.

"d. The question of the use of ELINT deception by the Sino-Soviet Bloc appears to have received only casual attention by the U. S. ELINT Community."

Report of Ad Hoc Committee submitted by the Technical Consultant.

DECISION:

The Committee agreed to hold the report for ultimate USIB consideration of the entire paragraph 21.

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"e. The logistic support problems of the ELINT intercept sites in remote areas are so severe in some cases as to seriously jeopardize the performance of their mission."

A Statement of Policy on Logistic Support and Construction for Overseas COMINT and ELINT Installations was submitted by the NSA member for Commint information.

DECISION:

The Committee agreed to study the paper and hold for discussion at the next meeting.

"f. Although USCIB has considered to be ELINT, the ELINT Community has given little support to this promising collection technique."

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Reports of the Technical ELINT Panel (TEP) and the Military Electronics Working Group (MEWG) were submitted by the Technical Consultant for Committee consideration.

DECISION:

The Committee agreed to study the reports and hold for discussion at the next meeting.

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ELCOM 4./8

Item 4 on the Agenda for the Sixth Meeting of the

USIB ELINT Committee, 16 October 1958.

Subject:

Changes to ELCOM Charter Consonant with NSCID-6 (S).

The proposed revision of the ELCOM Charter as presented at the Fourth Meeting of ELCOM was withdrawn. The Committee considered a new draft submitted by NSA, prepared subsequent to and in light of the most recent USIB decision on subcommittees.

DECISION:

Terms of reference for the USIB Electronics Intelligence Committee (ELINT Committee) was agreed by the Committee. (USIB at its meeting on 21 October 1958 revised and approved terms of reference for the ELINT Committee of the Board, circulated as DCID 6/2.)